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SUBJECT: U.N. CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES IN
RESPECT OF TREATIES.

1. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA HAS BEEN
CIRCULATED AND WE EXPECT ITS FORMAL INTRODUCTION IN THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY. THE
TEXT IS AS IN OUR TELEGRAM OF AUGUST 12 BUT WITHOUT
THE BRACKETED WORDS IN THE FINAL CLAUSE. FINAL CLAUSE
NOW READS QUOTE FURTHER RESOLVES THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS
NOT THE PREDECESSOR STATE OF THE FUTURE INDEPENDENT
STATE OF NAMIBIA UNQUOTE.

2. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE UK, FRENCH, GERMAN AND
CANADIAN DELEGATIONS CONCERNING OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE.
ALL ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. THE UK, FRENCH AND
GERMAN DELEGATIONS HAVE NOW RECOMMENDED TO THEIR
GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPRESS THEIR
POSITION AS ONE OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN AND DIS-
SOCIATION FROM DEBATE ON THE NAMIBIA RESOLUTION ON
THE GROUND THAT A RESOLUTION DEALING WITH A PARTICULAR
SUCCESSOR STATE ISSUE IS OUTSIDE THE MANDATE OF THE
CONFERENCE AND THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AND
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POSSIBLY HARMFUL TO DEAL WITH A PROBLEM NOW PENDING
BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ALL FIVE DELEGATIONS
ARE NOW IN AGREEMENT, AND WE PROPOSE TO TAKE THIS
POSITION UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE. WOLF

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